

Lamorinda Rugby Whips Hayward Rugby Club 75 to 15

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Photo Chris Roberts

The Lamorinda Varsity Rugby Club continued its winning ways and undefeated season with a convincing win over Hayward by a score of 75 to 15 at the Miramonte High School pitch on Saturday, March 1. The Hayward RFC came to the match with a group of physically imposing players but were quickly out flanked by the speed and agility of a well coached Lamorinda club that picked them apart with pinpoint passing and terrific ball handling.

The Lamo boys quickly

took charge on two tries by Nick Mascheroni and a try by Bo Richter within the first 10 minutes - and the rout was on. By halftime the Lamorinda guys were up 56 to 0 on two tries by Charlie Smith, two more tries by Bo Richter as well as another try by Nick Mascheroni. Those were capped off by a couple of threes and 5 two point conversions by the ever reliable foot of Bo Richter.

At the end of the first half, Jack Clark the nationally renowned rugby coach of the Cal Bears National Championship club stated that, "This is the best I have seen the Lamo Boys play; they are making a powerful statement out there. It's impressive; they are making very good decisions and are demonstrating that they really know how to play the game." The

second half started off a little slower as Lamo substituted liberally and allowed the Hayward club to score on three tries. However, the local club showed off their breadth of talent as James "White Shoes" Giles scored two outstanding tries by breaking through the Hayward defenders. Cole Huntley powered over for a goal while carrying at least four Hayward wide-bodies on his back at the 16 minute mark of the second half. And Peter Kegler finished off the Lamo scoring for the day with a slippery move to the outside that broke through three Hayward defenders.

Lamo's record stood at 11-0 prior to playing a very talented and undefeated San Francisco/Golden Gate squad at an away game on Treasure Island, March 8.